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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-19

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Further to certain questioning at the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding, enclosed for your information please find a letter dated July 24, 2002 pursuant to which BP Energy Company has agreed to an extension of the time for receipt of Department approval of The Berkshire Gas Company's petition for approval of the Gas Portfolio Optimization Agreement and Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement with BP Energy.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,  
BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS LLP

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Enclosure

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